REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	katoff1
Other Known Title:	katoff1.doc
Format:	Computer Text File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Rangiora
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable.
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer text file entitled *katoff1* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a computer text file that promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes by encouraging the idea that girls are legitimate sexual partners for adult men. The publication is a 124 page chat log, a sexually explicit record of an exploitative online relationship between a 12-year-old girl and a much older man. It is likely to be arousing for persons with a sexual interest in children or young persons and would serve to legitimise that interest, and encourage them to pursue damaging online or real-life relationships with girls.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.